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Birthdays

Keith Perry
May 7th
Stephen Farrell
May 7th
Carter Rogers

Hosanna Fletcher is a full-time sociology instructor for Georgia State University. A graduate of the University of Georgia, the long-time Newton County resident received graduate degrees in sociology and public health from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana. She previously worked as the general manager of The Covington News, program manager at The Center for Community Preservation and Planning and executive administrative coordinator for the Newton County Board of Commissioners. She is a former program director for the Tulane Xavier National Center for Excellence in New Orleans, Louisiana. Fletcher, her husband Kevin, and their two children live in eastern Newton County. GSU Perimeter College, offers more than 30 academic pathways for students to study at campuses convenient to their home. With small classes, students can earn a degree from one of the country's largest universities - an institution with a nationally recognized and growing reputation for student success.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, May 1, 2019

May Birthdays

Stephen Farrell 5/7

Keith Perry 5/7

Carter Rogers 5/8

Jack Coyle 5/16

Johnny Capes 5/20

May Anniversaries

Joshua & Amanda Kirkham 5/2

Keith & Olivia Adams 5/10

Jack & Cean Coyle 5/11

Brad & Martha Stewart 5/13

Philip & Scarlett Byrd 5/18

May Membership Anniversaries

Scott Alexander 3 Years

Levi Bailey 2 Years

Jackie Gutknecht 2 Years

Joshua Kirkham 2 Years

Philp Lanier 2 Years

Nathan Pulliam 34 Years

Rotary Club of Covington Future Programs and events

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 20, 2019

05-21-2019 - Hosanna Fletcher - Georgia State University

05-21-2019 - TBA

06-16-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Teens

06-23-2019 - Camp Sunshine for Juniors

Rotary invitation for Covington Police Awards Ceremony for Matt Cooper

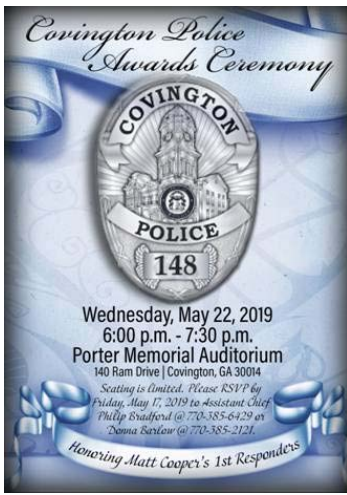
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This event is open to Rotary members and their spouse.

There is limited seating at Porter Memorial so were trying to get everyone in.

Birthdays

Keith Perry
May 7th
Stephen Farrell
May 7th
Carter Rogers



May 8th
Jack W Coyle
May 16th

Wedding Anniversaries

Joshua Hale Kirkham
May 2nd
Brian Keith Adams
May 10th
Jack W Coyle
May 11th
Bradley Stewart
May 13th
Philip Byrd
May 18th

Club Member Anniversaries

Nathan Pulliam
05-01-1985
34 Years
Scott Alexander
05-10-2016
3 Years
Jackie Gutknecht
05-08-2017
2 Years
Philip Lanier
05-09-2017
2 Years
Levi Bailey
05-12-2017
2 Years
Joshua Hale Kirkham
05-23-2017
2 Years

Camp Sunshine June 16th and 23rd

By Joseph Davidson on Wednesday, April 10, 2019
Camp Sunshine June 16th and 23rd

Camp Sunshine is for children with cancer. The 16th will be for the teens, ages 13-18 and the 23rd will be the juniors ages 7-12

We will be greeting campers and passing out drinks for Camp Sunshine at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge. We will need a couple volunteers or so to help setup in the morning. We can use as many as possible to greet campers. Times will be announced as we get closer.



[Map to Camp Twin Lakes](#)
Camp Twin Lakes - Rutledge
1391 Keencheefoonee Road
Rutledge, GA 30663
Phone: 706-557-9070

Rotary Reader program ends year with pizza party

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 20, 2019



Pictured are Westside Elementary students and Rotarians enjoying pizza. (From left) Maesa Kuchera, Nora Killian, Rotarian Carole Mottaz and Kaylie Cegielski. Photo courtesy of Linda Yde

A pizza party was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at Westside School to celebrate another successful year of the Rotary Reader program. Each week during the school year, volunteers from the River Falls Rotary Club meet with individual students and read with them. Each student received the gift of a book by the RF Rotary Club.



(From left) Josiah Knutson, Archimedes Xiong, and Rotarians Randy Cudd, Bill Montgomery and Carole Mottaz select pizza at the Rotary Reader pizza party on May 7. Photo courtesy of Linda Yde

The River Falls Rotary Club's motto is "Enhancing opportunities for youth; creating a better world for all." The River Falls Rotary meets the first, second and third Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Ezekiel Lutheran Church (202 S. Second St.) On the fourth Tuesday of the month, the meeting is held at noon at Ezekiel. Meals are served and all are welcome to attend a meeting.

Bill Gates gives update on polio eradication at Spokane Rotary Conference

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 20, 2019



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SPOKANE, Wash. ♦ Bill Gates discussed how far the world has come in eradicating polio at the Rotary Conference at the Spokane Convention Center Saturday evening.

The goal of the evening was to raise funds to end the disease around the globe. Hundreds of people bought tickets to have dinner, drinks and a chance to hear Gates talk about the end of polio.

Bev Reed, a Rotary district governor in Spokane, was able to bring Gates to the Spokane area thanks to her relationship with Gates' sister Kristi.

During the introduction to Gates' speech, they showed photos of the tech genius as a young boy.

Gates took the stage to a huge round of applause and a standing ovation. He gave an update on polio and what's being done to eradicate the disease.

♦Thirty years ago, there were more than 40 new cases every hour. And last year, we had fewer than 40 cases during the entire year, ♦ Gates said.

There are three countries that are still considered to have a polio-endemic: Nigeria, Afghanistan and Pakistan. There are no wild poliovirus cases showing up in Nigeria. The country needs to go at least three years without any wild poliovirus cases before it can be removed from the endemic list.

♦Pakistan and Afghanistan, that have been a particular challenge, because we're getting more creative and deeper into our partnerships so that we can get to zero there, ♦ he said.

In 2018, there were 33 cases across the globe. Rotarians hope to wipe the disease off the face of the earth by 2023.

Gates mentioned that in some countries they've had problems with rumors spreading that the vaccines aren't safe. He compared it to the rumors about vaccines here in America, particularly the measles vaccine.

♦We're having a problem in Nigeria, where there have been bad rumors spread about the vaccine. And of course, even here in the U.S. with measles, now we're seeing that getting the word out that vaccines are safe, you know, not that easy to do, that the negative rumors can somehow outrun the positive rumors about how valuable the vaccine is," Gates said.

He talked about the difficulty of sending volunteers to war torn countries faced with a polio outbreak.

♦We have had big challenges that we've overcome, one that actually had me the most concerned goes back to 2013, where polio broke out in Syria, and it was literally in the worst places where ISIS was still there. And so people going out to do that vaccination volunteers were entering war zones, waiting for lulls in the fighting to make sure they could get to the children, ♦ he said.



Bill Gates and Barry Rassin, Rotary International president on panel at Spokane Rotary Conference.
KREM

Following Gates' speech, KING 5's Mark Wright and Brittany Arthur, Rotarian and emcee of the evening, moderated a panel with Gates and Barry Radeon, Rotary International President. Gates spoke about how his parents were an inspiration for his need to give back to the community.

◆ They really wanted to belong to the community, my dad actually did a book called ◆ Showing up for Life ◆ where, you know, he talks about, ◆ Hey, we just show up for these activities, you can meet people and do some great things, ◆ Gates explained.

He explained how the Gates Foundation uses data to help in the fight against polio.

◆ We're very science oriented, we do a lot of mathematical modeling, to see where we need to intensify these polio campaigns, we look at the data to see where the quality problems are. And we are a very technical partner. We and Rotary together, are good at keeping polio visible, whether it's meeting with heads of government or meeting with philanthropists. ◆ Gates explained.

Gates also talked about the challenges of getting young working professionals to give back.

◆ The real connection you have to make is an emotional connection. And that means you have to get permission from them to kind of take them out and see some of the work and then see the fellowship that comes along with doing it together as a group. ◆ he said.

Rotary Ice Melt contest winners announced

By Joseph Davidson on Monday, May 20, 2019



Jesus Munoz admires his handiwork earlier this year when the ice melt device was placed. The contest winners were announced on Tuesday, with Darlena Marmins guessing her way to first place.
Ben Trollinger / btrollinger@summitdaily.com

The Rotary Club of Summit County announced the winners for the 33rd annual Ice Melt Contest on Tuesday. Locals finished in the top three spots in a competition that often comes down to the second.

The ice device dropped on May 7 at 16:44:35. Darlena Marmins took first place, Robert Feuerrigel was second and Melissa Greenwood took third. The winner will receive \$4,000, second place gets \$2,000 and third place takes home \$1,000.

Thousands of tickets are sold each year for the contest, with proceeds going to Rotary◆s programs including scholarship opportunities, community dinners, youth leadership training and many more endeavors. Learn more about the contest, including past winners and times, at DillonIceMelt.com.

RI President's May Message

By Joseph Davidson on Friday, December 1, 2017



Barry Rassin

President 2018-19

May 2019

The people who know me best ◆ my family ◆ know that my passion for Rotary is boundless. They also know that I don't expect them to get involved in Rotary the way I have. It's a choice that's up to them. But I must admit, I can't help smiling when I see them making the right choice.

At the end of the Toronto convention last year, my 12-year-old granddaughter turned to me and said, "I'm inspired to do something. What can I do?" Naturally, I did what any other Rotarian grandfather worth his salt would do: I asked her if there was an Interact club in her school. When she discovered there wasn't, she attempted to set one up. Unfortunately, her principal had other ideas, but we should not be deterred from helping Rotary youth programs whenever we can, because their value is beyond question.

Take Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as one example. It transforms young people into more confident, focused individuals with a better understanding of the world around them ◆ changes I was pleased to see in my 16-year-old grandson after he participated.

My family is just the beginning. Everywhere I go, I meet people of all ages whose lives have been changed by our youth programs. They tell me how, five or 15 or 25 years ago, Rotary Youth Exchange taught them a new language or introduced them to a new culture. Their eyes light up when they talk about how New Generations Service Exchange helped them advance in their career, or about how membership in Rotaract first ignited their passion for giving back to the community.

Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship, and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people ◆ as sponsors, project partners, and mentors ◆ it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in Rotary.

May is Youth Service Month, and there are many ways your Rotary club can celebrate. Sponsor an Interact club or Rotaract club, and your Rotary club will give young people in your community the tools they need to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Team up with your local Rotaract club for a service project. Get to know the participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders and share their stories with your community. You'll find more ideas in this year's Rotary Citation brochure, located under the Awards section of the Member Center at my.rotary.org.

This month, let's *Be the Inspiration* to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them, and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It's an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we're gone. And it's work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.

Rolling on the River Conference PHOTOS

By Leo J. Lawrenson on Wednesday, May 8, 2019



Be sure to check out some of the photos taken at the District 6910 "Rolling on the River" Conference!
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/11n4fqxf6xk1nts/AACwuaBIRP9dhJkhU_R8pms3a?dl=0

2019-20 District Directory Published!

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The *NEW* 2019-20 District 6910 Directory has been published and can be viewed and downloaded at

http://rotarydistrict6910.org/Website%20Documents/Administration/Rotary%206910%20Directory%202019-2020_Web%20Version_May%202019.pdf